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--5. (Amended) [The telescopic sight mount aligning bars of claim 1 wherein] A pair of telescopic sight mount aligning bars, each bar comprising an elongated rod having a planar circular inner end bounded by a circular peripheral edge, the circular inner ends of the two bars being perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of their respective bars, and the inner ends of the two bars having substantially identical diameters and peripheral edges so that the two inner ends may be closely juxtaposed when used to align, and to check the alignment of, a telescopic sight mount whereby a telescopic sight mount misalignment will be revealed by a misalignment of said peripheral edges relative to one another and also will be revealed by a non-parallelity between said two inner ends, at least one of said bars [is] being provided with an elongated access slot extended diametrically through said bar so as to enable access to telescopic sight mount attaching screw that would otherwise be covered by the slotted bar.--

9--6. (Amended) [The telescopic sight mount aligning bars of claim 1 wherein] A pair of telescopic sight mount aligning bars, each bar comprising an elongated rod having a planar circular inner end bounded by a circular peripheral edge, the circular inner ends of the two bars being perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of their respective bars, and the inner ends of the two bars having substantially identical diameters and peripheral edges so that the two inner ends may be closely juxtaposed when used to align, and to check the alignment of, a telescopic sight mount whereby a telescopic sight mount misalignment will be revealed by a misalignment of said peripheral edges relative to one another and also will be revealed by a non-parallelity between said two inner ends; said bars [are] being cylinders having substantially uniform and identical diameters [; said bars are] and being each provided with an outer end that is knurled to provide a finger gripping surface; said bars [are] also each being provided with an annular

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groove adjacent to their inner end so as to delineate an end portion that is not to be tapped when adjusting the alignment of a telescopic sight mount; and at least one of said bars [is] being provided with an elongated access slot extended diametrically through said bar so as to enable access to telescopic sight mount attaching screw that would otherwise be covered by the slotted bar.--

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6--7. The telescopic sight mount aligning bars of claim 5 wherein said bars are cylinders having substantially uniform and identical diameters.--

7--8. The telescopic sight mount aligning bars of claim 5 wherein said bars are each provided with an outer end that is knurled to provide a finger gripping surface.--

8--9. The telescopic sight mount aligning bars of claim 5 wherein said bars are each provided with an annular groove adjacent to their inner end so as to delineate an end portion that is not to be tapped when adjusting the alignment of a telescopic sight mount.--

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The indication of the allowability of claims 5 and 6 is acknowledged and appreciated. These two claims have been placed in independent form, incorporating the wording of their parent claim. These claims have also been amended to correct the grammar error noted by the Examiner. Therefore, they are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Sec. 112 rejection and the allowance of claims 5 and 6 is solicited. New claims 7-9 have been added to depend from allowable claim 5 and the allowance of these new claims is also solicited.

The rejection of claims 1 - 4 is respectfully traversed. These claims were rejected under Sec. 103 over page 197 of the Brownells catalog # 47 in view of Callahan and, with respect to